

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/541,751

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment submitted on 01/07/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 17, 18 and 22-33.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached.
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/18/2007
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

THUY V. TRAN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the Applicant's amendment submitted on 01/07/2008. In virtue of this amendment, claims 1-16, 19-21, and 34 are canceled; and thus, claims 17-18 and 22-33 are now presented in the instant application.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 17-18 and 22-33 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art fails to disclose or fairly suggest:

- Startup circuit for a power supply including a first input of a first comparator coupled to an output of the first capacitor and a second input of the first comparator coupled to a first reference voltage for generating a first switching signal when the output of the first capacitor exceeds the first reference voltage, and a first input of a second comparator coupled to an output of the second capacitor and a second input of the second comparator coupled to a second reference voltage for generating a second switching signal when the output of the second capacitor exceeds the second reference voltage, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 17 (claims 18 and 22-29 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 17); and
- A universal or variable power supply including a startup circuit including a first input of a first comparator coupled to an output of the first capacitor and a second input of the first comparator coupled to a first reference voltage for generating a first

switching signal when the output of the first capacitor exceeds the first reference voltage, and a first input of a second comparator coupled to an output of the second capacitor and a second input of the second comparator coupled to a second reference voltage for generating a second switching signal when the output of the second capacitor exceeds the second reference voltage, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 30 (claims 31-33 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 30).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 12/18/2007 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Drawings

4. The "Replacement Sheets" of drawings submitted on 12/18/2007 are accepted.

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy V. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM -4:00 PM).

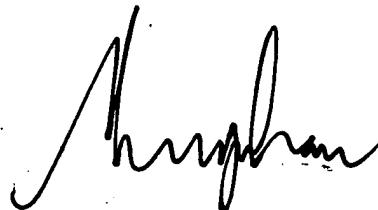
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Owens Douglas can be reached on (571) 272-1662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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